GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FRESH BILL FOR INFANT FOOD SAFETY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to move a fresh bill named Food Safety and Standards, 2005 in place of Infant Milk Substitute (IMS) Act, 2003;

(b) whether the repeal of the IMS Act will lead to unhealthy marketing practices of infant milk substitutes and infant foods;

(c) whether the repeal will also take away the initiative for the promotion of breastfeeding, to which India is committed under WHO and UN convention on the Rights of the child; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The fresh Bill namely Food Safety and Standards Bill 2005 proposed by the Government is for consolidating all existing food related laws and not to replace or repeal the Infant Milk Substitutes (IMS) Act, 2003.

(b),(c)&(d) Does not arise.